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FIRST LEAD POWERS
WASHINGTON, MARCH 6 (AP)-THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORTED TODAY THAT U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS LIVED UP TO THE TERMS OF HIS EMPLOYMENT AND HIS OBLIGATIONS AS AN AMERICAN."

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BULLETIN MATTER

WASHINGTON--FIRST AND FIRST LEAD POWERS X X X AMERICAN.
THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, MADE PUBLIC THE REPORT ON THE CASE OF THE PILOT WHOSE PHOTOGRAPHIC-RECONNAISSANCE PLANE CAME DOWN DEEP WITHIN RUSSIA IN MAY, 1960.

BASED ON AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE CIA AND AN ADVISORY BOARD, THE REPORT CLEARED POWERS OF YIELDING UNDER PRESSURE TO TELL MORE THAN HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO SAY TO HIS CAPTORS.

THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SAID THAT POWERS AND OTHER U2 PILOTS WERE AUTHORIZED TO SURRENDER WITHOUT RESISTANCE AND ADOPT A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THEIR CAPTORS" SHOULD EVASION NOT PROVE FEASIBLE AND CAPTURE APPEAR IMMINENT.

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U2 PILOTS, MOREOVER, WERE INSTRUCTED THAT THEY WERE "PERFECTLY FREE TO TELL THE FULL TRUTH ABOUT THEIR MISSION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT."

THE REPORT SAID THAT POWERS FOLLOWED THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND DID WHAT HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO DO IN ADMITTING HIS PREVIOUS AIR FORCE SERVICE AND HIS EMPLOYMENT BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

THIS STATEMENT WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT POWERS WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CIA, ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE DOUBT OF IT.

THE REPORT SAID THE POISONED NEEDLE CARRIED BY POWERS, AND MENTIONED IN HIS TRIAL IN MOSCOW, WAS "INTENDED FOR USE PRIMARILY IF THE PILOT WERE SUBJECTED TO TORTURE OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH IN HIS DISCRETION WARRANTED THE TAKING OF HIS OWN LIFE."

"THERE WERE NO INSTRUCTIONS THAT HE SHOULD COMMIT SUICIDE AND NO EXPECTATION THAT HE WOULD DO SO IN THOSE SITUATIONS JUST DESCRIBED," IT ADDED.